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Mail Stop Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
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Re: New U.S. Patent Application
Title: DYEING COMPOSITION COMPRISING AN
ACYLAMINOPHENOL COUPLER AND USE OF THIS
COUPLER FOR DYEING KERATINOUS FIBRES
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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and
Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 44 pages, including title page and abstract, and including 4 independent claims and 36 claims total.
2. Information Data Sheet (2 pgs.).
3. Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) (3 pgs.)/Form PTO 1449/French Search Report (2 pgs.)/Documents (5).
4. Claim for Priority/Certified copy of French Patent Application No. 03 00540, filed January 17, 2003.
5. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

Basic Application Filing Fee						\$ 770.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims	Rate	
Total Claims	36	-	20	16	X \$ 18	\$ 288.00
Independent Claims	4	-	3	1	X \$ 86	\$ 86.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim(s)					+ \$ 290	= 0.00
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TOTAL APPLICATION FILING FEE						\$ 1,144.00

6. A check for \$ 1,144.00 is enclosed. The fee includes:

\$ 770.00 filing fee; and
\$ 374.00 additional claims fee.

Applicants also claim the right to priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) based on U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/464,856, filed April 24, 2003, in the United States.

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This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) and (f). Applicants await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the executed Declaration.

Please accord this application an application number and a filing date.

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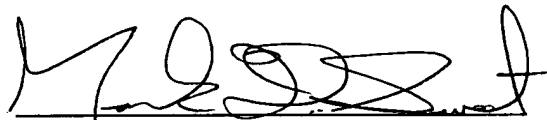
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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